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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed April 10, 2008, Appellant encloses an amended copy of the Appeal Brief Under 37 CFR §41.27 sent February 15, 2008.

Pursuant to Appellant's telephone conference with Examiner Pilkington, Appellant has adopted the Examiner's suggestion of removing the italicized multiple headings on page 18. The Examiner indicated that it was permissible to retain on page 18, line 6 " ... [*Relates to all three grounds for rejection*]" preceding argument IV. In addition, Appellant has amended the Evidence Appendix to show the date of record for the Declaration. It is submitted that the Brief is now in compliance with 37 CFR §41.37 (c) (1) (vii) and (ix) and all other sections of 37 CFR §41. The Office is now respectfully requested to address the merits of this appeal without further delay.

PETITION

Appellant hereby requests an extension of two (2) months or any longer period required under 37 CFR §1.136 in which to respond to the Office Communication under mailing date of April 10, 2008. The Patent Office is authorized to charge Appellant's deposit account number 07-0475 for all fees associated with the extension.

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